

BALTIMORE COUNTY

TRASH & RECYCLABLES – “ANNUAL REPORT” (Calendar Year 2009)

The following information regarding Baltimore County’s trash and recyclables is being published in fulfillment of one of the recommendations in the County’s Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan (see p.V-18, #11).

Overall Statistics

38% Overall Recycling Rate (see Note 1 below)
+ 5% Waste Prevention Credit (see Note 2 below)
43% Waste Diversion Rate (see Note 3 below)

Residential Trash Destinations

206,082 tons (55%) Landfilled (via Waste Management, primarily to Virginia)
111,571 tons (30%) Waste to Energy (Wheelabrator Baltimore)
54,390 tons (15%) Landfilled (in County – Eastern Sanitary Landfill)
372,043 tons (100%) Total

Residential Recycling Statistics

26,219 tons (72%) Paper
9,948 tons (28%) Bottles & Cans
36,167 tons (100%) Total

Note 1: Overall recycling rate = rate calculated by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) in accordance with the Maryland Recycling Act of 1988; this rate includes recycling and trash from the commercial and residential sectors.

Note 2: Waste prevention credit = credit of up to 5% annually as determined by MDE and based on the number of certain waste reduction and reuse activities completed during specified periods (1-3 years) by a jurisdiction.

Note 3: Waste diversion rate = sum of a jurisdiction’s recycling rate and waste prevention credit.